

RAILROADS UNDER RATE CONTROL BEGAN EFFICIENCY

Chairman Cuyler of the Association of Railway Executives Claims the Railroads Are Completing a Record Year—Rents Have No Intention of Asking For Another General Increase in Rates—Record Given of Achievements of the Railroad Companies Since the Return of the Lines to Private Operation.

Washington, Dec. 26.—American railroads are completing a record year and have no intention of asking for another general increase in rates, Thomas H. Witt, chairman of the association of railway executives, declared tonight in a statement reviewing the railroad situation for the year of 1928.

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Cabled Paragraphs

German Army Reduced to 100,000 Men.

Berlin, Dec. 26.—The effectiveness of the German army have been reduced to 100,000 in accordance with the Spa agreement. The army, which was officially announced today.

Investigating Death of "Dey" Enforcement Officer

Bayonne, N. J., Dec. 26.—Federal agents dispatched from Washington arrived here today for an investigation into the death of John J. McGuinness, prohibition enforcement agent, whose body was found in Newark Bay on Friday with a bullet hole through his head. The investigation was started at the instance of Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to the president, who is a relative of the widow of the dead prohibition official.

A Split Is Expected in French Socialist Party

Tours, France, Dec. 26.—All the delegations have completed their reports to the congress of the French socialist party in session here, adding to the approximate certainty that the party will split. The left section supporting the Moscow line, and the right wing remaining as the socialist party, but with a small minority. Many federations from the agricultural regions announced today that they would support the motion to join the "international."

240 PER CENT. INCREASE OF EXPORTS TO SPAIN

Washington, Dec. 26.—Increase of 240 per cent. in American exports to Spain in 1928 is not in a report on the growing importance of the Spanish market, made public today by the department of commerce.

LEADER OF CRIME FIELD IN \$100,000 RAIL IN NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 26.—The murder of "Mont" Eastman, once notorious gang leader, was the subject of a report today by the New York police.

TRAPPERS AND LUMBER MEN SEARCH FOR MISSING BALOON

Ottawa, Canada, Dec. 26.—Canadian trappers and lumber men are investigating the report that the aerial balloon, which was used by the Canadian government to drop supplies to the Eskimos in the Arctic, had been sighted in the Northwest.

CONFERENCE FOR DEFENSE OF CLARA SMITH HAMON

Ardmore, Okla., Dec. 26.—Matters pertaining to the defense of Mrs. Clara Smith Hamon, at liberty under \$10,000 bond here on a charge of having killed Jake L. Hamon, republican national committee man, were discussed at a conference today between Mrs. Hamon and her attorneys.

ARTHUR LINCOLN SUICIDED AT SOUTH MANCHESTER

Manchester, Conn., Dec. 26.—The body of Arthur Lincoln, aged 40, was found today near the reservoir of the South Manchester Water company, where he had been working for many years. The medical examiner said the man had committed suicide by shooting himself in the chest with a shotgun.

AN EX-CONVICT SHOT TO DEATH BY SHERIFF

Pickneyville, Ill., Dec. 26.—"Foxy" England, who the police say was an ex-convict, was shot to death here today by Sheriff Thomas Timmings, of Perry County, after he had wounded three men and held up another.

ROBBERS SMOKED CIGARS AND WORKED LEISURELY

New York, Dec. 26.—Two armed men entered a cigar store in the Bronx tonight, forced the clerk to stand aside, opened the safe and took \$500, the robbers did their work in a leisurely manner and calmly smoked cigars.

Former N. Y. Gangster Monk Eastman Slain

Was Shot Five Times by "Someone Unknown"

Death Is Believed to Be Result of Vendetta.

New York, Dec. 26.—"Monk" Eastman, once leader of a notorious gang that terrorized the lower East Side, a convicted felon, but restored to citizenship as a reward for heroism as a soldier in the great war, was slain shortly before daylight today by "someone unknown."

Eastman's body, bearing five bullet wounds, was found by a policeman at the corner of Fourteenth street and Fourth avenue. Near by, on the steps of a sub-entrance, lay a revolver with five empty shells.

In the dead man's pockets were \$140, a watch and chain and a Christmas card. The presence of the valuables indicated to the police that the killing of Eastman was not part of the prevailing crime wave but the result of a vendetta.

Eastman, whose right name was William Delaney, had a youthful career that was marked by a series of sensational exploits. The son of a wealthy and indulgent parent, he chose as his companions the gangsters of the one-time "toughest" district in New York City, yesterday following the announcement of county officials that a post mortem examination would not be held here.

After the war he was honorably discharged, but he did not leave the underworld. He was arrested in 1917, when he was 25 years old, for burglary and drug addiction, and was sentenced to 10 years in prison. He was released in 1921, and he was again arrested in 1922, when he was 26 years old, for burglary and drug addiction, and was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

During the attack on Vierstadt Ridge, Eastman was wounded and taken to a hospital. He was discharged from the hospital, but he did not leave the underworld. He was arrested in 1917, when he was 25 years old, for burglary and drug addiction, and was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

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Plant of the Cork Examiner Raided

Raiders Broke the Machinery With Hammers—Set the Building on Fire With Explosives.

Cork, Dec. 26.—Thirty armed and masked raiders invaded the office of the Cork Examiner Christmas eve, broke the machinery with hammers, wrecked parts of the building with explosives and set fire to the property. They escaped before the arrival of the police. The fire was extinguished, but the other damage was very extensive.

The raiders remained twenty-five minutes. It is believed the attack was caused by the attitude of the Examiner on the recent editorial letter issued by the bishop of Cork.

Dublin, Dec. 26.—Two civilians and one soldier were wounded here in disturbances during the night. Their wounds are not considered serious.

REVISION RECOMMENDED IN FEDERAL TAX LAWS

New York, Dec. 26.—Recommendations for a radical revision of the federal tax laws calling for curtailment of more than one hundred million a year were made public today by the committee of the national industrial conference board.

The report, expressing the opinion of only the committee members, will be submitted to the committee of the national industrial conference board. The report calls for a reduction of the excess profit tax, which would reduce the federal taxes to the extent of \$100,000,000 annually.

A provision that business losses for any year should be deductible from the income derived during the succeeding year, of the preceding year, if the income of the succeeding year is insufficient, which would curtail the excess profit tax.

The committee opposed a sale or turnover tax in the recommendations for remedial changes. These changes, the report stated, would have but little effect on the gross revenue derived from business men.

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Brief Telegrams

Thirty Russian Refugees Have Died of Cholera in Constantinople in the Last Few Days.

Military forces raided the village of Clondiane, County Cork, and made 24 arrests.

The average weekly pay of New York state's factory workers decreased 33 cents in November.

Coleman Brown, negro preacher at Purvis, Miss., was lynched by the members of his own race.

Senator Chamberlain of Oregon successfully underwent the first of two operations necessitated by his condition.

What possibly may be a new volcano in a lonely unvisited section of the Andes is reported by a prospector, J. Weinman.

Aiderman Ricketts, a police magistrate in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., was held up and robbed in his private office by a man with a revolver.

Secretary Baker said he did not believe army could purchase during the recent coal emergency had enabled dealers to make \$8,000,000.

Forty-two persons were killed, 200 were injured and 500 made homeless by the recent earthquake in the Tepic district, Albania, it was learned.

Senator McCormick of Illinois arrived in Berlin from Warsaw, three days overdue, and found he had been one of the most advertised men in Germany.

Starvation is expected soon to bring to an end the "state of war" now existing between the "regency of Quarnaro" at Fiume and the Kingdom of Italy.

Old-fashioned home made candy and popcorn balls, with Salvation Army doughnuts, was distributed to every American soldier on the Rhine in Christmas boxes.

Fire in a church at Hanford, Wash., was declared by deputy sheriffs to have been caused by an overheated whiskey still which was in full operation in the basement.

Approximately 1,000 employees of the New York Central car department at West Albany are idle, notices having been posted that the shops would be closed indefinitely.

Albert Patin Sr., of Holyoke, Mass., one of this city's largest real estate operators, has made a Christmas distribution of nearly \$50,000 to his children and grandchildren.

Burglars entered the business establishment of Alderman Louis Rubenstein, at Montreal, former figure skating champion of the world, dynamited a safe and stole \$5,000.

A commercial treaty between Brazil and Belgium has been completed whereunder credit amounting to \$12,500,000 is opened to the Belgian government at the Bank of Brazil.

The Burlington Polo Club, London, announced receipt of the challenge from the American Polo Association for a series of matches for the international trophy next June.

Henry R. Manster, who escaped from the Massachusetts state prison where he was serving for the murder of a Boston policeman, has been arrested in Chicago.

Opportunities for trade with Spain are called to the attention of American business men in a report to the department of commerce by Trade Commissioner Arthur Young.

A statement that Premier Clemenceau called President Wilson pro-German at the peace conference was made by Isaiah Bowman, president of the American Geographical Society.

Joe Stecher, who lost his crown as heavyweight wrestling champion to Ed (Strangler) Lewis in New York last week, is in a hospital at Omaha, Neb., suffering with neuritis.

More than 200 tons of supplies for the sufferers from recent fires and disasters in Cork were on board the steamship Honolulu which left New York on Thursday for that port.

Two men were painfully wounded at Rawl, and more than one hundred shots were directed toward the plant of the Daniel Collier Company at Chatterbox, both mining towns near Williamson, W. Va.

The staff of Mustafa Kemal Pasha, the nationalist leader, has decided to reinforce the nationalist army on the Smyrna-Izmir front to 100,000 men for the purpose of an attack on the Greek forces.

Adoption by the Cuban government of as much of the United States federal reserve banking system as is legally possible has been recommended to President Menocal by Jose Manuel Tarrats, a Cuban financier.

Tucker Gibson, known as the champion big game hunter of Texas Parish, Louisiana, is claiming to have secured the use in the capacity of a bird dog and asserts the pig makes perfect stands and never flushes a covey of birds.

Disinclusion of Rear Admiral C. J. Peoples, navy pay corps, to have his name considered for appointment as paymaster general to succeed Rear Admiral Samuel McGowan who retired from that post January 1 was disclosed by Secretary Daniels.

Old rigid army method were swept forever into the past by the world war, necessitating production of a new type of soldier, "understanding the mechanism of human feelings," Brigadier General Douglas MacArthur, declared in his annual report.

George P. Crislian, secretary to president-elect Harding called on Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to President Wilson, at the White House, Mr. Crislian came here to spend the Christmas holidays and Mr. Tumulty invited him to the executive offices.

Obtaining \$50,000 bill Carmine Libenata, recently convicted of manslaughter in connection with distribution of wood alcohol "whiskey," which caused about 100 deaths in Connecticut and Massachusetts last Christmas, spent Christmas at his Brooklyn home.

BOY KILLED BY A BOMB EXPLOSION IN BROOKLYN

New York, Dec. 26.—One boy was killed and several others injured in the explosion of a bomb at Sterling Place and Rogers avenue, Brooklyn, this afternoon. The police report the boys found the bomb and the explosion occurred soon after they picked it up.

CROWN FORCES KILLED TWO MEN AT TRALEE

Dublin, Dec. 26.—Two men who fired on the crown forces today at Tralee were shot dead by the military when they tried to escape. They had revolvers and "dum-dum" bullets in their possession.

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IT LEAGUE REGULARS HAVE REACHED THE EDGE OF THE WAR

Advanced Two Kilometres Without Firing a Shot—Are Closing in Gradually on the D'Annunzio Stronghold—Expect That Fiume Will Be Taken Today—A Combined Land and Naval Movement Is Underway.

Triest, Dec. 26.—(By The A. P.) The Italian regulars have reached the factories on the edge of Fiume and are closing in gradually on the D'Annunzio stronghold. It is expected Fiume will be taken this evening or tomorrow morning. General Cavaglia on Friday ordered the occupying of advanced positions around Fiume in consequence of recent incidents and the threatening attitude taken by D'Annunzio's legationaries.

In the occupation of the post's soldiers opposed armed resistance to the advancing troops, who lost five men killed and thirty wounded.

Udine, Italy, Dec. 26.—(By The A. P.) General Cavaglia's regular Italian forces advanced two kilometres this morning without firing a shot in a combined land and naval movement. The plan of General Cavaglia is to gradually tighten his grip on Fiume until D'Annunzio is reduced to helplessness. Cavaglia's men advanced today in the morning, and the Italian regulars are now closing in on the triangle of which Fiume is formed and occupied Grolino, Santa Croce and San Mattia.

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